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SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Alright, but I don't understand the basis upon which he would apply that?

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, Senator, it would have to be his own judgement of the needs of the pool. I don't think I know of no way you could spell it out.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK, let's say the nurse anesthetists lose their insurance.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Alright then ... he would then levy two percent of their income.... He'd levy an income tax on the nurse anesthetists, then he'd say in addition to that we're going to levy one-half percent income tax upon the practical nurses.

SENATOR MURPHY: Not necessarily.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well now let me just finish my example. But we're not going to levy anything against the registered nurses and we're not going to levy anything against the physicians or the hospital. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator, you're making a bunch of assumptions that can in no way be determined.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well I'm not antagonistic. I want the record to reflect what we're doing here.

SENATOR MURPHY: You're making statements that he will do thus and such and there is nothing....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm trying to find out what his powers would be.

SENATOR MURPHY: His powers, Senator,....

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: He would not have the power to do that or he would have the power to do what I just described.

SENATOR MURPHY: He could conceivably levy up to two percent against the effected health care provider. He could levy not more than one-half of whatever he levied against the provider, if it were one percent, whatever, but not more than half of that. He does not.... It is not required that he levy anything against a particular provider. There is nothing in there that says he would have to levy against nurses.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: So he could do exactly what I just described in my example.

SENATOR MURPHY: He could, but I would doubt it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: How would you expect this to work?